

*Washington, D.C.* – Congressman John Hall (NY-19) voted today to pass the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act (H.R. 1586) saving more than 8,000 jobs in New York State and putting teachers back in the classroom before the new school year begins. The House reconvened today to take up this emergency aid to help New York keep teachers in our classrooms and first responders on duty. The Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act is completely paid for and reduces the deficit by \$1.4 billion over 10 years—in part by closing a loophole that encourages corporations to ship American jobs overseas.

“In these difficult economic times, we must remain committed to education and building a stronger nation,” said Rep. Hall. “Without this funding, New York State would be forced to slash vital programs regarding the education of our youth, a critical component in keeping America innovative and moving forward.”

The legislation provides \$10 billion in funding to save more than 160,000 teacher jobs nationwide. It also provides \$16.1 billion in health assistance to the states that, by reducing shortfalls and stimulating the economy, will save and create 8,200 jobs in New York, preventing the layoffs of police officers and firefighters, as well as creating private-sector jobs throughout our economy.

The funding in the bill is supported by a majority of the nation’s Governors, including many Republican Governors, and by numerous organizations, including the bipartisan National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Counties and the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations.